

April 29, 1975

SPEAKER: Have you all recorded? In the south balcony Seantor Koch's 10 Chamber of Commerce members from Ralston. Would you please stand and be recognized by this body. Also in the south balcony Senator Warner announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. 22 7th grade students from Elmwood and two adults. Is there a quorum present Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not yet. A quorum is present Mr. President.

Read communication from the Governor's office. LB's 96, 226, 252, 401, and 481 were engrossed. And 8 and 414 were reengrossed.

Senator Bereuter asks unanimous consent to be excused at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 1975.

MR. President, when we adjourned this morning we were debating LB 443. The committee amendments were adopted and the Fowler amendments to the committee amendments have been adopted, there are now no further amendments and we are debating the bill.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Maresh, or Senator Murphy was your light lit? Did you want to speak just before lunch? There is a list here, but it isn't identified with 443.

SENATOR MURPHY: I did, but if I could defer to Senator Fowler for just a moment, we visited a little bit and I asked if he might not clarify one of the questions that I had and I would like to ask him another question but initially I had asked him...

SPEAKER BURBACH: Would you care to respond Senator Fowler?

SENATOR FOWLER: I would be glad too. The initial question is with regards to the retroactive part of the bill, is that correct? OK. Senator Murphy asked further explanation for the first four sections of the bill. That portion that deals with LB875 that was passed last year. When 875 was passed it was a bill that would require a 10¢ ride on all regular transit systems in the state of Nebraska that elected to join the program. In return for that the state would provide subsidy, making up the difference in the 10¢ fare and the regular fare for those senior citizens that chose to use it. After the bill was adopted a Attorney General's opinion came out saying, using the phrase Metropolitan and certain other aspects of the bill. Because of the way that the bill had been drafted and the section of statute in which it fell it applied only to cities of the metropolitan class, that is Omaha. Other communities had anticipated receiving funds from this program and had initiated such programs. The first part straightens out 875 and makes it clearer that it would be available to any municipality that made the qualifying conditions which are to provide 10¢ rides to Senior Citizens. Refer to this as retroactive because it actually effects only this fiscal year and would pay for those rides that have taken place since July 1, of last year up until July 1 of this year. Does that clarify it?